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FOR SSM/KONTOS FROM ROBERTS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJ: PERIMETER OF E-1

REF: A. SINAI 2157, B. STATE 289216

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, FOLLOWING IS CURRENT STATUS OF
QUESTION OF PERIMETER OF E-1. ON DECEMBER 13 TWO OFFICERS FROM
UNEF ISMAILIA CONDUCTED INSPECTION OF E-Q BOUNDARY MARKERS.
THEIR REPORT FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE THE ONLY AUTHORITY ON WHICH THIS VERIFICATION
COULD BE BASED WITH ACCURACY IS THE UNEF SURVEY TEAM REPORT
DATED 22 FEBRUARY 1976. ANNEX 1 TO THIS REPORT SHOWED THE LOCATION
OF THE CORNER BARRELS AND THE LOCATION OF THE ANGLE IRON MARKERS
WITH WHITE AMMUNITION CAPS ALONG THE LINES BETWEEN CORNERS.
THE SURVEY REPORT AND ANNEX, IN THE CASE OF E-1, WERE DONE BY
THE SURVEY TEAM USING AN EGYPTIAN MAP ON THE SCALE OF 1-25,000.
THE COMMANDER OF E-1, COLONEL ALI, WAS EXTREMELY COURTEOUS AND
COOPERATIVE. DUE TO THE TERRAIN SEVERAL MARKERS ARE INACCESSIBLE
AND INVISIBLE FROM OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES AND THE OFFICERS
FOUND THEMSELVES INSIDE E-1 BOUNDARIES SEVERAL TIMES WITHOUT
REALIZING IT OR HAVING ANY VISIBLE REFERENCE POINT TO REMAIN
ON OR OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARY. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED THROUGHOUT
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BY TWO ARE OFFICERS PROVIDED BY COLONEL ALI. ONLY THREE
CORNER BARRELS COULD BE FOUND, THE NORTH EAST CORNER BARREL
IS MISSING. SEVERAL ANGLE IRON MARKERS WERE LOCATED, PARTICULARLY
IN THE NORTH WEST CORNER. ABOUT ONE HALF OF THE ANGLE IRONS
HOWEVER ARE EITHER NO LONGER VISIBLE OR ARE MISSING. SAND HAS
ERODED THE PAINT AND MARKINGS ON ALL BARRELS AND AMMUNITION
CAPS. THE MARKERS WHICH WERE EXAMINED SHOWED NO SIGNS OF HAVING

BEEN TAMPERED WITH OR MOVED.

USING BINOCULARS, HOWEVER, IT WAS POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH VISUALLY THE FOUR LINES WITH A FAIR DEGREE OF ACCURACY. ALONG THE WESTERN LINE, BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS ARE CORWDED VERY CLOSE TO THE LINE BUT ARE WITHIN THE BOUNDARY. ALONG THE NORTHERN LINE THE OBSERVATION POST AND NEW CONSTRUCTION ARE ALSO WITHIN THE BOUNDARY. BECAUSE OF THE TERRAIN AND MISSING MARKERS IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FROM ANY POINT TO ESTABLISH ACCURATELY WHETHER THE GATE POST (IE, E-1 EXIT/ENTRY GATE) WAS WITHIN OR WITHOUT. IN OUR OPINION THIS POST IS VERY NEAR THE LINE, WITHIN 5 METERS EITHER WAY.

THEREFORE IT IS THE OPINION OF UNEF HEADQUARTERS THAT THE INSTALLATIONS OF THE EGYPTIAN SURVEILLANCE STATION E-1 ARE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES AS DESCRIBED AND MARKED BY THE UNEF SURVEY TEAM IN THEIR REPORT DATED 22 FEBRUARY 1976.

MARKERS AND BARRLES DELINEATING E-1 WILL BE REPAINTED AND MISSING MARKERS WILL BE REPLACED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WHERE IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE BOUNDARY LINE BE MORE CLEARLY DEFINED A FENCE WILL BE ERECTED. END QUOTE

3. WE WILL ADVISE WHEN THE MARKERS HAVE BEEN REPLACED OR PAINTED. FYI, SFM'S GUARD STATION IS THEREFORE SOME 100 METERS OUTISDE THE E-1 PERIMETER.
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